

Stated Meeting, November 4, 1898.

Vice-President SELLERS in the Chair.

Present, 14 members.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Dr. Rudolph Buti, of Baltimore, Md., inquiring if the Society would publish a translation of a fragment of the Book of the Dead; also another letter accompanying the manuscript.

On motion of Dr. Frazer, the paper of Dr. Buti was referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the President. The President subsequently appointed Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, Mr. Talcott Williams and Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson.

From Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, accepting the appointment as delegate to the Twelfth International Congress of Orientalists.

From the Academy of Sciences, Letters and Art of Modena, announcing the death of its President, Prof. Comm. Pietro Riccardi, on September 30, 1898.

From Dr. Frederick Prime, resigning his membership of the Committee on the Library.

On motion of Dr. Frazer, Dr. Prime's resignation was accepted, and the President was requested to appoint a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the unexpired term. Mr. J. G. Rosengarten was subsequently appointed.

Donations to the Library were announced by the Librarian.

Dr. Frazer presented to the Library and Cabinet a photograph of the reading of the annexation resolution of Congress to President Dole on the steps of the Royal Palace in Honolulu. Also a copy of the *Honolulu Commercial Advertiser*, and a statistical statement to date regarding the Islands of Hawaii, by the Commissionaire and Consul of France, formerly Consul of France in Philadelphia, M. Louis Vossion.

Senator Edmunds, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed for the consideration of the Magellanic Fund, pre-

sented a report, and offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, 1. That Mr. Samuel Dickson be and he is hereby authorized and requested to commence and prosecute in the proper court proceedings in the name of the Society to the end of obtaining a decree which will authorize this Society to offer premiums not exceeding \$1000 to be paid out of income for approved papers which may be submitted to the Society under the provisions of the foundation of John Hyacinth de Magellan established in the year 1785, and that the President of the Society be and he hereby is authorized and requested to sign and verify the papers necessary to that end.

Resolved, 2. That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, under the advice of the Finance Committee, to invest the accumulated savings by the Magellanic Fund, as will, with the present investment of that fund, produce a clear income of \$50 per year ; and that the whole of such income shall be kept and specially invested to meet payments of premiums in respect of the Magellanic foundation.

Dr. Frazer exhibited specimens of flowers and scoriaceous lava from the "Punch Bowl," a short distance from the city of Honolulu, and sketched some of the geological features of the Hawaiian group.

Dr. Frazer also exhibited a reproduction, in cast iron made in sand scraped from the rafters of Mr. Garretson's foundry in Buffalo, of a bronze medal and pin, and compared it with the cast-iron medal presented to some of the members of the Seventh International Geological Congress by the proprietors of the Kytchtym Iron Works in the Urals.

Propositions for membership Nos. 1432, 1464, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472 and 1474 were read.

Mr. Ingham, on behalf of the Committee on the Hall, presented a report, together with the two following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Hall Committee are authorized at their discretion to sell for the best price attainable the houses bequeathed to the Society by the will of the late Henry Phillips, Jr., and to

invest the proceeds and to apply the revenue thereof for the purchase of books on Archeology and Philology for the library in accordance with the provisions of said will.

Resolved, That the Treasurer, Dr. Jayne, be and he is hereby authorized to execute conveyances in the name of the Society for the houses, singly or otherwise, the bequest of Henry Phillips, Jr., sold by order of the Society.

On behalf of the Committee appointed by the Society to revise the Rules of Administration and Order, Mr. Dickson presented the following report, and submitted printed copies of the proposed new rules :

PHILADELPHIA, November 4, 1898.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of May 13, 1898, to revise the rules of administration and order respectfully reports :

That it has considered the existing rules in relation to the laws as now established, and respectfully submits the accompanying draft for the consideration of the Society.

[Signed] SAMUEL DICKSON,
W. A. INGHAM,
HENRY PETTIT,
HORACE JAYNE,
I. MINIS HAYS.

Mr. Dickson gave notice that he would call up the rules at the next meeting of the Society and ask for their consideration and adoption.

Dr. Morris, on behalf of the Curators, moved that the Curators be allowed to deposit the collection of rocks and minerals in the basement of the Society's hall in the Wagner Free Institute, or elsewhere, at their discretion, in the name of the Society, and under proper guarantees for their preservation and recovery. Adopted.

The rough minutes were then read, and the Society was adjourned by the presiding officer.

[NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.—There having been no quorum for the disposal of property, the adoption of the resolutions offered by the Committee on the Magellanic Fund and on the Hall remain inoperative.]